

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for scheduling a packet, comprising the steps of:

receiving a packet;

identifying a flow for said packet;

classifying said packet based on said identified flow; and

buffering said packet in one of a plurality of queues, arranged in a hierarchical order, based on said classification of said packet and a priority of said packet assigned based on said hierarchical order.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying said flow for said packet comprises identifying a source address of said packet.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying said flow for said packet comprises identifying a destination address of said packet.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein classifying said packet comprises:
calculating a size of said packet; and
calculating an allocated credit assigned to said flow based upon said size of said packet.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein calculating said allocated credit is based upon a bandwidth assigned to said flow.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein buffering said packet in one of said plurality of queues ~~based on said classification of said packet~~ comprises:
arranging said plurality of queues in a hierarchical order;
assigning a priority to said packet based on said hierarchical order; and
buffering said packet in one of said queues based on said assigned priority.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein assigning a priority to said packet based on said hierarchical order comprises;
determining a size of said packet; and
calculating a transmission delay based on said size of said packet and said hierarchical order.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
identifying at least one of said plurality of queues having buffered packets;
determining a first queue of said plurality of queues having buffered packets;
calculating a credit accumulated for one of said buffered packets in the first queue; and
outputting said one buffered packet based upon said accumulated credit.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
determining a hierarchical order for said queues having buffered packets; and
determining a next queue having buffered packets based on said hierarchical
order.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for scheduling a packet, comprising:
an input to receive a plurality of packet;
an arrival module to identify a flow for each of said plurality of packets;
a classifier to assign each of said plurality of packets to one of a plurality of
queues, arranged in a hierarchical order, based on said identified flow.
a server for selecting one of said plurality of queues based on [[a]] said
hierarchical order; and
an output for outputting a packet from said selected queue based on said
identified flow and a priority of said packet assigned based on said hierarchical order.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
a memory to store a service list of flows identified for each of said plurality of
packets.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for scheduling a packet, comprising:
means for receiving a packet;
means for identifying a flow for said packet;
means for classifying said packet based on said identified flow; and

means for buffering said packet in one of a plurality of queues, arranged in a hierarchical order, based on said classification of said packet and a priority of said packet assigned based on said hierarchical order.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium for configuring a processor to execute a method for scheduling a packet, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a packet;

identifying a flow for said packet;

classifying said packet based on said identified flow; and

buffering said packet in one of a plurality of queues, arranged in a hierarchical order, based on said classification of said packet and a priority of said packet assigned based on said hierarchical order.